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15 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 15 April 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, 50X1
Mr. Irwin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Saccio, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Smith

2. Nuclear Ship "Savannah"

The attention of the Board was then called to the fact that the nuclear ship "Savannah" is scheduled to be launched in July. The Board recognized that, although it will be a number of months before the ship is in actual operation, it will eventually provide a very good peg for psychological exploitation. It was agreed that the Working Group on Nuclear Energy should consider means of getting the most out of this situation from a psychological point of view.

3. Africa

A general discussion then ensued on the problems of black Africa. Among the topics covered were the Portuguese attitude toward the natives in Angola and the visit of Tom Mboya to the U. S.

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4. Embassy at Conakry

Mr. Harr questioned whether the French were deliberately inducing delays in the establishment of a U.S. Embassy at Conakry, stating that he understood there might be a three months' delay due to this factor. Mr. Murphy stated that he was unaware of any difficulties of this magnitude.

5. Yemen

A suggestion was made that the United Arab Republic might be encouraged to participate in the building of vital roads in the Yemen. It was agreed that although there would obviously be advantages to having this project completed, there were great risks involved in having the UAR associated with it.

6. Defense "Cold War Committee"

Mr. Irwin reported that a directive establishing this committee and outlining its terms of reference would be issued shortly. He said that Defense recognized that the words "cold war" should not be part of the name of the committee but said that an alternate name had not yet been agreed upon.

7. Hospital in Panama

The Board was informed that a government hospital in Panama is not being used to full capacity and a suggestion was made that its facilities be made available for training Latin American medical students. The Board agreed that this suggestion appeared to have merit.


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